

## Armenian injured party on Safarov case expects justice from European Court

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The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) has not yet made a decision on the complaint submitted from Hayk Makuchyan and the legal successors of Gurgen Margaryan.

Attorney Nazeli Vardanyan told the abovementioned to Armenian News.

Vardanyan added that the respective procedure requires a lengthy process, and it lasts for up to one year to decide whether or not to consider the complaint.

In turn Makuchyan said he expects justice to prevail.

"I cannot say what decision will be made; a political or a juridical verdict," he stated.

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In July, ECtHR had received a complaint from Hayk Makuchyan and the legal successors of Gurgen Margaryan. And the matter of the complaint refers to the receipt of documents.

The Armenian party had applied to ECtHR in February, in connection with the Ramil Safarov case. The complaint is with respect to Articles 2 and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Armenian and foreign specialists are included in the working group that is preparing the complaint.

To note, Hayk Makuchyan had miraculously survived death in Budapest and the Hungarian court had declared him injured party.

Armenian News reported earlier that Ramil Safarov, a then-lieutenant in the Azerbaijani military, was extradited on August 31, 2012 from Hungary, where he was serving a life sentence—and with no expression of either regret or remorse—for the premeditated axe murder of Armenian lieutenant Gurgen Margaryan, in his sleep, during a NATO Partnership for Peace program in Budapest back in 2004. Safarov had planned on killing the other Armenian military serviceman, who likewise was attending the aforesaid program, but he was unable to carry out this plan.

Ramil Safarov's return to Baku was welcomed, as was his act of murder, by the officials of president Ilham Aliyev's government and much of Azerbaijani society, and the Azerbaijani president immediately granted him a pardon, he was declared a national hero, promoted to a higher military rank, and was allocated housing and pension.

And Armenia's President Serzh Sargsyan announced on August 31, 2012 that Armenia is suspending its diplomatic ties with Hungary. Also, Sargsyan instructed the Ministry of Justice to take all measures to petition to the international judicial tribunals, and with respect to the Safarov case.

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Ramil Safarov's pardoning was condemned by virtually all international organizations.

Also, a group of Hungarian intellectuals visited Armenia last year—and in connection with this incident—to announce that they are ashamed of the action that was taken by the Hungarian authorities.